# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to identify mineral rich areas in various States to develop them as Special Mining Zones(SMZs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether allocation of SMZs to prospective captive industries such as steel and power sectors will result in higher Gross Domestic Production growth; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY )

(a) &(b): State Governments are the owners of the minerals and grant mineral concessions. Prior approval of the Central Government is mandatory for grant of mineral concession for minerals in the First Schedule to the Mines and Minerals(Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, and the same is conveyed by the Central Government to the State Governments after evaluating the merits of the mineral concession proposal on case to case basis.

(c) to (e): Does not arise in view of the reply given to (a) & (b) above.